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Winchester digs out from 18 inches of snow

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Winchester schools may be closed, but the Department of Public Works had staff clearing out buildings on Monday, Jan. 26 in preparation for re-opening on Jan. 27. WINCHESTER NEWS STAFF PHOTO/NELL ESCOBAR COAKLEY

Millions of people from New Mexico to New England saw the harsh effects of Winter Storm Fern, which blasted 24 states with snow and ice.

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people have died as a result of the storm, thousands are without power and many more are stranded in airports as flights were cancelled.

Winchester residents were out either enjoying the snowfall or working to dig out from the 18 inches that fell across the town.

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Here in Winchester, the storm dropped at least 18 inches of snow from when it started early Sunday morning, Jan. 25 through the night and into the morning of Monday, Jan. 26.

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Yep, that is indeed Lance Grenzeback snowblowing the sidewalk in his neighborhood. Thanks, Lance!
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Flurries were still falling Monday afternoon as Winchester residents dug out. Many stores in downtown were closed, as was Town Hall and Winchester Public Schools.

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Our Winchester News staff shot these photos from their own homes and neighborhoods. The doggo in red is Rico and the white fella is Roscoe and they belong our staffers, Alison Swallow and Tara Hughes. Looks like they really enjoy the snowy weather!

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The National Weather Service has predicted some additional light snow from Jan. 26 through Jan. 29, about 2 inches in the Greater Boston area. Temperatures are also expected to drop.

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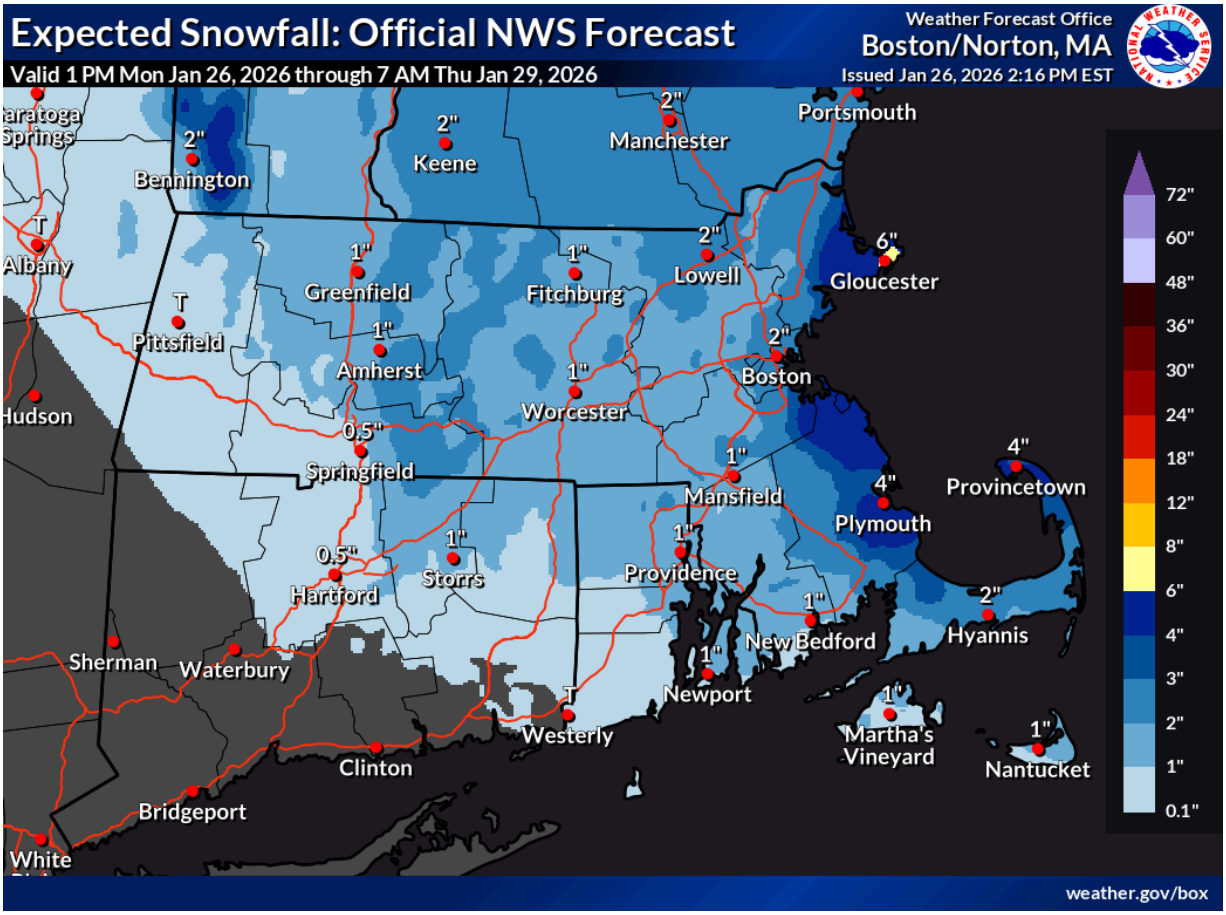

More snow? It could be very minor for the Greater Boston area. COURTESY PHOTO/NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

In the meantime, as everyone continues snow removal, Winchester News asked residents to send us their snow photos and many did. Our staffers were also out taking photos, as they dug out from the snow.

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Top, Amy Moy and her daughter Evie on Jan. 26. Amy told us she wanted to offer “a huge shout out to the DPW staff in the bulldozer last night, faithfully plowing our street every few hours. It must have been freezing in the vehicle!” Bottom, In the Symmes corner neighborhood, Heather Ruppel shared these photos of the her kids enjoying their snow day. COURTESY PHOTOS/AMY MOY & HEATHER RUPPEL

If you have snow photos you want to share, email editor@winchesternews.org with the subject line Snow Day. Thanks!

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Alexander Kunst grabbed these photos from the air with his drone. COURTESY PHOTOS/ALEXANDER KUNST

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The following was submitted by the Network for Social Justice: The Winchester community came together last week at the Griffin Museum of Photography for the inaugural Black History and Culture Celebration, an evening filled with music, student creativity, and powerful messages about equity, unity, and the enduring legacy of Black

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Winchester residents share more snow photos

Well, Winchester, we made it through the weekend with only a coating of snow that amounted to nothing on Sunday afternoon. But during the Feb. 22-23 blizzard, Winchester News once again asked residents to send their snow photos. And here is what we received! Solmaz Amirnazmi said her daughters and

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Winchester Community Music School set to expand, upgrade

The big events in Winchester Community Music School always take place in Nichols Performance Hall. With the school and its performances’ growing in popularity, the hall and many of its amenities are due for an upgrade. The performance hall is one of the main areas that the school seeks to

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Ripley Chapel in Winchester presents ‘Syldason: You Are Welcome Here’

The following was submitted by the Ripley Chapel at First Congregational Church: On Friday, March 13, beginning at 7:30 p.m., live in-person and live streamed from the stunning Ripley Chapel at First Congregational Church, Winchester, 21 Church St., join in with Syldason, a duo concert featuring Sylvie Zakarian,

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The following was submitted by the Office of Rep. Michael S. Day: Rep. Michael S. Day and his colleagues in the House of Representatives recently passed energy affordability legislation that would result in over $9 billion in savings for utility ratepayers over the next 10 years. The bill maintains critical

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Massachusetts communities Active licenses as of Jan. 25, 2025 — Source: Massachusetts Criminal History Systems Board License to carry firearms Firearms identification card Winchester and Marblehead are the focus communities. Peers selected based on comparable population size, demographics and suburban

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